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Most Gracious

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To both Houses of

## PARLIAMENT,

The Eighteenth day of *January*, 1666.

*With the*

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Speaker of the Honorable House of Commons,

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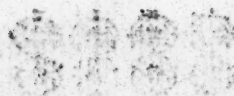
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*His Majesties most Gracious Speech to  
both Houses of Parliament.*

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*  
**I** Have now passed your Bills, and I was in good hope to have had other Bills ready to pass too. I cannot forget, That within few days after your coming together in September, both Houses presented Me with their Vote and Declaration, That they would give Me a Supply proportionable to My occasions; and the Confidence of this made Me anticipate that small part of My Revenue, which was unanticipated, for the Payment of the Seamen; and My Credit hath gone farther then I had reason to think it would, but 'tis now at an end.

This is the first day I have heard of any Money towards a Supply, being the 18. of *January*, and what this will amount to, God knows; And what time I have to make such Preparations as are necessary to meet three such Enemies as I have, You can well enough judge: And I must tell you, what Discourses soever are abroad, I am not in any Treaty; but by the grace of God I will not give over My self and You, but will do what is in My Power for the defence of My self and You. 'Tis high time for You to make good your Promise; and 'tis high time for You to be in the Countrey,



as well for the raising of Money, as that the Lords  
 Lieutenants and Deputy-Lieutenants may watch those  
 seditious Spirits which are at work to disturb the Pub-  
 lick Peace. And therefore I am resolved to put an end  
 to this Session on *Monday* next come sevensnight, before  
 which time I pray let all things be made ready that I  
 am to dispatch. I am not willing to complain You have  
 dealt unkindly with *Me* in a Bill I have now passed, in  
 which You have manifested a greater distrust of *Me* than  
 I have deserved. I do not pretend to be without In-  
 firmities, but I have never broken my Word with You;  
 and if I do not flatter *My* self, the Nation never had  
 less cause to complain of Grievances, or the least In-  
 justice or Oppression, than it hath had in these Seven  
 years it hath pleased God to restore *Me* to You: I  
 would be glad to be used accordingly.

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May it please Your most Excellent Majestie.

Since the Two Houses of Parliament, by Your Ma-  
jesties Command, were last Convened, they have  
with great care inspected the State of the King-  
dome: They finde Your Majestie engaged in a  
sharp and costly Warr, opposed by mighty Princes, and  
States, that are in conjunction against us, they see with  
sorrow, the greatest part of your *Metropolitan City* bu-  
ried in ashes. These are *Ardua Regni*, indeed, and fit  
only for the advise of a Loyal Parliament. But, SIR,  
looking more narrowly into things, we found our Body  
Politick entering into a Consumption, our Treasuries  
that are the sinews of War, and the bond of Peace, are  
much exhausted; the great aydes which are given to  
your Majesty for the maintenance of the War, are but  
like the blood in its circulation, which will return again,  
and nourish all the parts; but a great deal is yearly  
transported *in specie* into *France* to bring home Apes  
and Peacocks, and the best returns are but superfluities  
and vanities: We have therefore unanimously besought  
your Majesty to stop this issue of blood, and we hope  
your Majesties most seasonable and gracious Proclama-  
tion, will prevent the future expiration of these spirits.



We have likewise been allarum'd from all parts of the Kingdome by the insolencies of Popish Priests and Jesuits, who by their great numbers and bold writings declare to all the world, they are in expectation of a plentiful harvest here in *England*. But your *Majestie* by your gracious answer to the desire of both your Houses, your command for all Officers and Souldiers in your *Majesties* pay to take the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy, and your Proclamation for the departure of Priests and Jesuits out of this Nation, have in a great measure secured us against those fears.

When your *Majestie* was pleased at the opening of this Session of Parliament to speak to us, You commanded Us to finde out the best Expedients we could, for carrying on the War with as little burthen to the people as was possible. The Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the Commons House of Parliament have industriously applyed themselves to the consideration of this matter. They quickly resolved of a Supply for your *Majestie* suitable to your occasions of 1800000*l*. but it hath taken up much of their time, so to lay this Ayd, that it may not seem a burthen. A little weight lying alwayes upon one shoulder will at length become uneasy, but being shifted sometimes to the other shoulder, there will be some refreshment.

The greatest part of the Taxes that have been raised these Six and Twenty years, were laid upon our Lands, which made us desire to give them some rest; we have therefore prepared a Poll bill, whereby we have brought in all sorts of persons, professions, and personal estates to give their assistance to your *Majesty*, and to ease the Land Tax; *Multorum manibus grande levatur onus*: This Bill we hope will speedily bring in

a considerable sum of ready money for your *Majesties* present use. Wee have likewise taken care for supplying the remainder of the 1800000 *l.* by another Bill remaining with us, which in a short time will be ready to be presented to your *Majesty*.

The better to enable your *Majesties* good Subjects to pay these several Aydes, and with chearfulness to supply your *Majesties* future occasions, We thought it necessary to remove a Nuisance out of their way, the infinite number of Forreign Cattle that were daily imported, did glutt our Markets, and bring down the prizes both of our home bred Cattle, and our Lands; therefore We have prepared a Bill for the prohibiting the importation of any Forreign Cattle for 7. years.

We find your *Majesties* Mint is not so well employed as formerly, and the reason is, because the fees and wages of the Officers and Workmen is in part paid out of the Bullion that is brought thither to be coyned, and what is wanting is made up by your *Majesty*: We have therefore for the ease of your *Majesty* and those that shall bring in any Plate or Bullion to be coyned there, made another provision by an Imposition upon Wines, Brandy, or Syder imported from any Forreign Nations.

Having given your *Majesty* this short Account at present, we shall with Your leave return to perfect those Bills that still remain with Us; and we hope so to finish them to Your *Majesties* satisfaction, that all Your *Majesties* Enemies both at home and abroad may see, and feel the effects of this blessed Correspondence between Our Gracious King and his Loyal Parliament.

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